

REMARKS

The present application has been subjected to a restriction requirement. In particular, the Office Action states that the application contains the following groups that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. Further, the Office Action states that the applicant is required to elect a single invention from the groups below:

Group I – claims 1, 2, and 10, drawn to fire retardant paper;

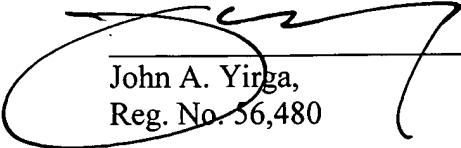
Group II – claims 3-9, drawn to a method of making a fire retardant paper.

Applicant provisionally elects without traverse for further prosecution all claims associated with Group II, namely claims 3-9 and 11-17. Claims 1, 2, and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 14 – 17 have been added and are directed to a method of making a fire retardant paper. Claims 11-13 also directed to a method of making a fire retardant paper and either directly or indirectly dependent from claims 3-9, and were filed with the U.S. application in a preliminary amendment on January 26, 2006, but not identified in the restriction requirement of March 25, 2008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0090 for additional fees required.

Respectfully submitted,

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